



Arkansas Milk Production Report

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This report contains the results from the *Quarterly Milk Production Report*. The data are also posted on our Web site at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ar>. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaire and/or interview for this survey.

First Quarter Milk Production Down 17 Percent

Arkansas milk production during the January-March 2009 quarter was 45 million pounds, down 17 percent from the same period in 2008, but up 5 percent from the October-December 2008 quarter. The average number of milk cows on farms during the quarter was 13,500 head, down 3,000 head from the same period last year, and down 500 head from the previous quarter. Nationally, the number of milk cows decreased from last quarter while milk production increased.

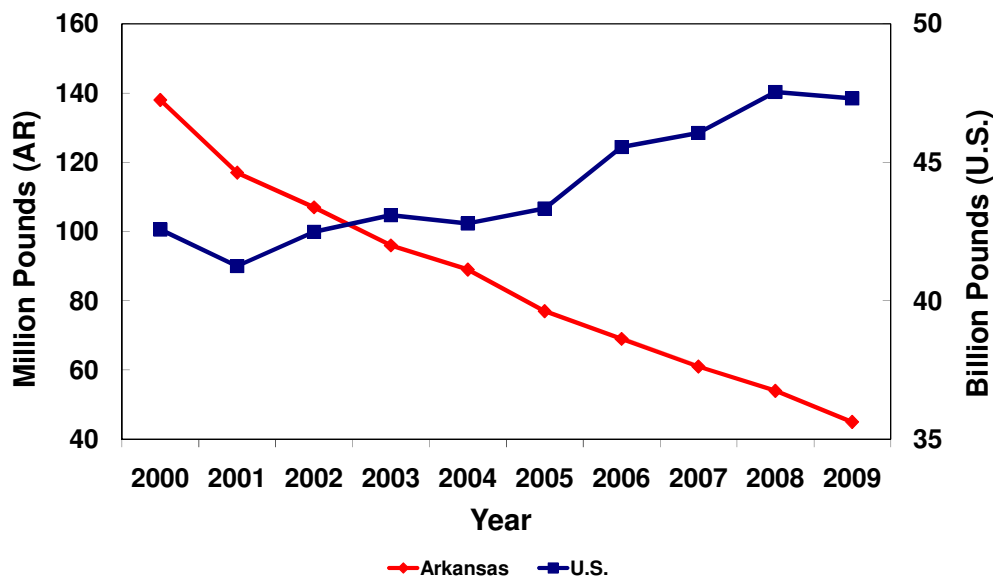
Quarterly Milk Cows and Production, Arkansas, and U.S., 2006-2009

Item/Period	Arkansas				United States			
	2007	2008	2009	% Change from '08	2007	2008	2009	% Change from '08
Milk Cows¹	<i>Thousand Head</i>				<i>Thousand Head</i>			
1 st Quarter, Jan - March	18.0	16.5	13.5	- 18	9,152	9,286	9,297	+ <0.5
2 nd Quarter, April - June	17.5	15.5			9,170	9,315		
3 rd Quarter, July - Sept	17.0	14.5			9,198	9,330		
4 th Quarter, Oct - Dec	17.0	14.0			9,236	9,330		
Milk Production²	<i>Million Pounds</i>				<i>Million Pounds</i>			
1 st Quarter, Jan- March	61	54	45	- 17	46,063	47,610	47,304	- 1
2 nd Quarter, April - June	60	54			47,438	48,774		
3 rd Quarter, July - Sept	49	44			46,111	46,881		
4 th Quarter, Oct - Dec	50	43			46,042	46,727		

¹ Average number for the period includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk nursed by calves.

Milk Production, Arkansas and U.S.,
January-March, 2000-2009



**Milk Cows, Arkansas,
January 1 Inventory, 1970-2009**

